

PROJECT NAME: Pete Suazo Center

RECIPIENT: City of South Salt Lake

LOCATION: South Salt Lake, Utah

PURPOSE:

Working in partnership with the Police Activities League (PAL) and existing after-school and crime prevention programs, the Peter Suazo Center focuses on intervening in the lives of gang involved and at-risk high school aged youth. Staff at the Center will target eligible youth and enroll them in a comprehensive program that includes family home visits and involvement, academic tracking and tutoring, enrollment in the PAL boxing program, training in computers, and opportunities to participate in art and theater programs. The main target population for this program will be high school age youth. There are currently no programs specifically targeting this age group in the City of South Salt Lake and even the region at large. The need for such a program is particularly prevalent due to the recent closure of the only high school located within the city's boundaries, which increased the risk factors of community disorganization. These increased risk factors contribute to juvenile delinquency and dropout rates and many high risk students have been lost in the shuffle and the work at the Suazo Center will be focused at addressing these issues.

AMOUNT: \$375,000